

**Spring 2016 BPSC 250 seminar  
4:10 pm Wednesdays  
Genomics Auditorium**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Host</b>	<b>Title</b>
Mar 30	<b>Dan Koenig</b> UCR BPSC	Patty Springer	Saving up for a rainy day; ancient genomic variation and natural selection in plants
April 6	<b>Alannie-Grace Grant</b> Univ Tennessee, Knoxville	Amy Litt	Is self-fertilization a driver of niche evolution?
April 13	<b>Susan Mazer</b> Dept. of Ecology, Evolution & Marine Biology, UC Santa Barbara	Amy Litt/ Edie Allen	<b>Jane Block Lecture in Conservation Biology</b> The California Phenology Project: Tracking (and predicting) the effects of climate change on the seasonal cycles of the California flora
April 20	<b>Detlef Bartsch</b> Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety, Germany	Norm Ellstrand	To Be or Not to Be GMO - scientific and regulatory questions
April 27	<b>Charlie Brummer</b> Dept of Plant Sciences, UC Davis	Linda Walling	Improving Alfalfa, a perennially interesting crop
May 4	<b>Dinusha Maheepala Mudalige</b> UCR PLBL	Amy Litt	A New Hope: the emergence of fleshy fruits & their development
May 11	<b>Jessica Toth</b> UCR PLBL	Sean Cutler	Dissecting the Role of Abscisic Acid Receptors in Plant Drought Tolerance
May 18	<b>Cami Wendlandt</b> UCR PLBL	Joel Sachs	Variation in symbiotic traits of a native California legume, <i>Acmispon strigosus</i>
May 25	<b>Jusin Valliere</b> UCR PLBL	Edie Allen	Ecological impacts of nitrogen deposition, drought, and invasion on coastal sage scrub of the Santa Monica mountains
June 1	<b>Paul Gepts</b> UC Davis	PLBL students	<b>2016 Yermanos Seminar on crop development</b> New climates! New beans? Can we meet the challenge for California, Latin America, and East Africa